

REMARKS

Applicant requests favorable reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1-12 were pending in the application and were rejected in the Office Action. By way of this amendment, Applicant has cancelled claims 1-12 and, therefore, all outstanding rejections are now moot and should be withdrawn. In addition, Applicant has presented new claims 13-20.

New Claims 13-20

In general, new independent claim 13 recites the limitations of cancelled claims 1, 7, and 8. In addition, dependent claims 14-18 recite the limitations of cancelled claims 2-6. Claim 19 and 20 are supported in second full paragraph on page 1. Therefore, new claims 13-20 do not present new matter.

Claim 13 recites: “wherein at least two of the sublayers each have at least one through-hole formed therein, wherein the through-hole of a first of the plurality of sublayers is in fluid communication with a through-hole formed in a second of the plurality of sublayers.” These limitations are neither taught nor suggest by the art of record. Accordingly, claim 13 and its dependent claims are allowable for at least this reason.

CONCLUSION

For the aforementioned reasons, claims 13-20 are now in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if such communication would expedite the prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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